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CHAPTER VIII. ILLICIT TRAFFIC (Form of Annual Reports E/NR. Form/1983)

Paragraphs

A. GENERAL

90. Illicit traffic in drugs: Yes.

Illicit cultivation, harvesting, manufacture; diversion from licit channels

91a-97b. No.

Smuggling

98a-b. Smuggling into the country continued in 1983, while no smuggling out of the country was reported. Modus operandi for transport and concealment remained unchanged.

Trafficking

99. Only small quantities were seized and there was no indication of the formation of organized smuggling or trafficking gangs. However, illicit drug traffic increased, particularly with regard to opium and heroin. Co-operation was strengthened with anti-narcotic officials in other Arab countries and proved to be most successful. Cannabis seizures dropped significantly because of the enforcement of stiff penalties.

100a. Drugs seized in 1983:

	Weight/quantity	Number of seizures
Opium	3 kg 167 g	16
Heroin	9 kg 304 g	43
Cocaine	81 g	5
Cannabis herb	890 g	19
Cannabis resin	47 kg 93 g	138
Barbiturates	1 785 doses	9

100b. Stricter law enforcement with more severe penalties led to a decrease in the quantity of cannabis resin and barbiturates seized.

Prices and purity of illicit drugs

101a-b.

Wholesale (per kg):	D	US$*/
Opium (grade A)	3 000	10 320
Opium (grade B)	1 750	6 020
Heroin (grade A)	50 000	172 000
Heroin (grade B)	25 000	86 000
Cannabis (grade A)	1 500	5 160
Cannabis (grade B)	1 000	3 440
Cannabis (grade C)	750	2 580

*/ Rate of exchange: D 1 = US$ 3.44

Retail (per kg):	D	US$*/
Opium (grade A)	4 500	15 480
Opium (grade B)	2 500	8 600
Heroin (grade A)	100 000	344 000
Heroin (grade B)	50 000	172 000
Cannabis (grade A)	2 500	8 600
Cannabis (grade B)	1 500	5 160
Cannabis (grade C)	1 250	4 300

101c. Prices were approximately the same compared with 1982 owing to lack of availability of larger quantities as a result of stronger enforcement action. Most of the drugs seized were of grade 'B' (i.e. of a lower purity).

101d. -

Prosecutions

102. 374 persons were arrested and 244 prosecuted in connection with the following drugs:

	Number of persons arrested	Number of persons prosecuted
Opium	21	20
Heroin	108	103
Cocaine	5	5
Cannabis	218	198
Barbiturates	22	18

103a-b. -

104a-b. Nationals from the following countries were involved: Bahrain, Bangladesh, Chile, Egypt, India, Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Pakistan, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Syria, Turkey, United Kingdom and the United States of America, with regard to opium, heroin, and cannabis; Palestinians were also involved.

B. ORGANIZATION OF ENFORCEMENT

105. Organizations responsible: Ministry of Interior (Criminal Investigation Department), Customs Authorities and Public Prosecution.

106. Specialized units: Ministry of Interior (Criminal Investigation Department).

107. All information and basic investigations are centralized and dealt with by the Anti-Narcotics Administration of the Criminal Investigation Department and then referred to the Public Attorney for prosecution and other judicial measures.